

Missouri PSC sets virtual local public hearing for Liberty CCN

Liberty requests approval to add generation capacity at its State Line Power Station in Joplin to support system reliability and meet regional capacity requirements

JOPLIN, Mo – The Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a virtual public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, to receive comments from customers and members of the public regarding an application filed in October 2025 by The Empire District Electric Company, doing business as Liberty. The filing requests a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct a new natural gas–fueled combustion turbine electric generating unit, with a capacity of approximately 250 megawatts, at its existing State Line Power Station in Joplin, Missouri.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

The local public hearing will begin with an informal question-and-answer session where the public may ask questions of PSC staff, Liberty, and the Office of the Public Counsel, followed by an on-the-record public hearing where individuals may provide testimony to a regulatory law judge and the Commissioners of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Date & Time: 6:00 p.m., April 16, 2026

- **Phone:** To attend the virtual local public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call 1-650-479-3207, listen to the prompt and enter the meeting number/access code 2630 302 2856, followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter 0299.
- **Video/Internet:** To attend the virtual local public hearing by video/internet visit the website at www.webex.com or download the Cisco Webex Meetings application. At hearing time, enter the meeting number/access code 2630 302 2856 and password 0299.
- **Accommodations:** Any person who needs an accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.
- **Participation:** If possible, customers and members of the public wishing to participate in the hearing should register by sending their first and last name to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2026.
- **Comments:** Comments may also be submitted by mailing the comment to the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or electronically at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments. When submitting comments, please reference Case No. EA-2025-0299.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Liberty is proposing to add a new generating unit at its existing State Line Power Station. This allows Liberty to use existing infrastructure in a cost-effective manner. This project is intended to meet evolving Southwest Power Pool (SPP) resource adequacy requirements and to continue providing safe, reliable service to customers, especially during periods of high-energy demand such as winter storms. The CCN process evaluates whether the project is needed and whether it serves customers and the public.

If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in late 2028 or early 2029, with the unit expected to be in service in 2030.

Case No. EA-2025-0299